

Application No. 09/987,885

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REMARKS

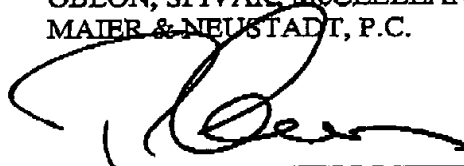
Applicants would like to thank Examiner Venkat for the helpful and courteous interview held November 18, 2004. As discussed, the Markush groups in independent Claims 79 and 99 have been amended as follows:

at least one ~~silicone-containing component~~ material selected from
the group consisting of a ...

This amendment has been presented in accord with MPEP 1453, page 1400-68, right hand column, bottom, of the May 2004 revision of the MPEP, which requires simply removing the deleted phrase and entering the added word for newly added claims in a Reissue application. This is the only change made to the claims in this amendment, which inserts standard, U.S. acceptable format into the Markush language. See MPEP 2173.05(h). The claims newly presented in this case, i.e., those not in the original patent, remain underlined because they are to be printed in italics.

Accordingly, and in view of the interviews and the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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